

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) An intravascular device suitable for packaging in a package lumen defined by a package lumen wall, the intravascular device comprising:

an elongate shaft having a proximal portion; and

a hub assembly connected to the proximal portion of the elongate shaft, the hub assembly including an interference fit member (IFM) which is configured to form an interference fit with the package lumen wall when the intravascular device is disposed in the package lumen;

wherein the interference fit establishes sufficient friction to resist gravitational and handling forces which may otherwise cause the intravascular device to fall out of the package lumen;

wherein the friction created by the interference fit is sufficiently small to permit easy removal of the intravascular device from the package lumen; and

wherein the IFM comprises one or more rings.

19-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) An intravascular device as in claim 18, wherein the one or more rings has a middle portion and a distal end portion and a proximal end portion.

26. (Previously presented) An intravascular device as in claim 25, wherein the middle portion of the ring has a larger diameter than the end portions.

27. (Previously presented) An intravascular device as in claim 25, wherein the end portions taper from the diameter of the middle portion to a smaller diameter than the middle portion.

28. (Previously presented) An intravascular device as in claim 18, wherein the one or more rings has a middle portion and a proximal tapered portion.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously presented) An intravascular device suitable for packaging in a package lumen defined by a package lumen wall, the intravascular device comprising:

an elongate shaft having a proximal portion; and

a hub assembly connected to the proximal portion of the elongate shaft, the hub assembly including an interference fit member (IFM) which is configured to form an interference fit with the package lumen wall when the intravascular device is disposed in the package lumen;

wherein an inner diameter of the wall is smaller than the outer diameter of the IFM such that the IFM deforms the wall when the IFM is in an interference fit with the wall; and

wherein the IFM causes the wall to bulge outwardly when the IFM is disposed within the wall.

31. (Previously presented) An intravascular device suitable for packaging in a package lumen defined by a package lumen wall, the intravascular device comprising:

an elongate shaft having a proximal portion; and

a hub assembly connected to the proximal portion of the elongate shaft, the hub assembly including an interference fit member (IFM) which is configured to form an interference fit with the package lumen wall when the intravascular device is disposed in the package lumen;

wherein the interference fit establishes sufficient friction to resist gravitational and handling forces which may otherwise cause the intravascular device to fall out of the package lumen;

wherein the friction created by the interference fit is sufficiently small to permit easy removal of the intravascular device from the package lumen;

wherein the hub assembly includes a hub and a strain relief, and wherein the IFM is carried by the hub; and

wherein the IFM is disposed on a distal end of the hub, proximal the strain relief.